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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul B. Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Golden Empire, Ltd., Golden Empire No. 1 Mine, S/037/097, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 28, 2003
Time of Inspection: About 1:00 to 1:10 PM
Conditions: Mostly clear, 40's
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator requested that the site be released.

Getting to the site:

The proposed mine is in the Big Indian Valley just west of the county road and about two miles south of the intersection between the roads leading to Lisbon Valley and Big Indian Valley. There is an old road leading west, and, according to a 1997 inspection report by Tony Gallegos, the proposed site was along this road.

Observations:

There is an old, naturally-revegetated road, and berms have been placed on this road in an apparent attempt to keep it from being used. There are some other disturbances in the area, mostly related to cattle grazing, but I saw no evidence of any past mining activity.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Since this site was never disturbed by mining, the operator should be released from reclamation responsibility.

cc: James Goddard (Golden Empire)
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